1881-82.
(Genl-Mis.)

File No. 11

Serial Nos. 1-4.

B. January 1882.

Proposed reduction of the goods rate on the Madras Railway & the probable Effect thereof—

Indexed

Dr Macy.

Here is hardly any information in this Office which is of any value in ascertaining whether any traffic with Her Majesty's Territory which could be carried by the Madras Railway is diverted in other directions owing to the high rates charged by the Company. These are the trade returns received from the Districts - They do not shew what tonnage was carried by Cart traffic and what by the Railway:- Along the Railway line, roads have been opened in different directions to feed the Railway but much trade with Bellary, Dharwar, and the Western Coast is carried on, owing to the distance of the Railway from Shimoga — Chitaldroog & Hassan:- When the Railway line from Mysore to Bangalore is thrown open it is probable that this will to some extent augment the traffic on the Madras Branch line from Bangalore:- I think the opinion of the District Officers may be obtained on this point as noted in the letter —

H

No. 706
146

Office of the Resident in Mysore.
Bangalore, 6th July 1881.

To

The Dewan to His Highness 540
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Resident to forward herewith copy of a letter No. 562 dated 1st July 1881 from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras; with its enclosure, and to request the favour of being supplied with any information from the Trade Returns of Mysore which will throw light on the subjects therein mooted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. Cunningham
Assistant to the Resi

J.C.

(General Serial No. 31.)

2504.

1881.

From the Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To the Dewan to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 6th July

Despatched ——— 7th ———

Received

Enclosures No. 2

General No. 706

No. 144.

Forwards copy of a communication from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, and requests to be supplied with information which will throw light on the subject therein mooted.

———

7788

Form No. 11.

Railway Department

Madras, 1st July 1881

Circular No. 562

From,

Captain W. F. Coaker, R. E.
Offg. Consulting Engineer
for Railways

1
a

To

The Resident
Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed extract from G. O. No. 418 R. dated 17th June 1881, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to favour me with any information you may be in a position to afford on the proposals contained in the annexed extract from a letter from the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway Company.

2. The chief points on which information is desired are the following.

(1) Does the Madras Railway obtain its full share of the traffic which already exists?

(2) The probable effect of a general reduction of rates for goods in increasing the

the railway traffic, in stimulating pro-
=duction, and in improving trade generally.

(3) The expediency of simplifying the present
classification of goods.

I have &c.

(signed) R. E. Hamilton
Lieutt. R. E.
for Offg: Cons: Engineer for Rys

"Copy"

2 Oct 1875

Registrar

EXTRACT *from paragraph* 26 *of Letter No.* 674, *dated* 4*th February* 1881, *from* BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

"THE Board wish you to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that one very prominent cause of the want of success, besides the poverty of the inhabitants, is the want of power to attract to the Railway the great bulk of the traffic which already exists, and to stimulate and improve the trade of the country. The Board are of opinion that this would be most effectually done by a reduction of the rates for goods and the abolition of the numerous complications of their tariff, by the adoption of a system of the utmost simplicity. They would go so far as even to wish, if it were practicable, for an uniform and low rate; but as the adoption of any decisive measure of this kind would at the outset involve a falling off in receipts, they do not feel at liberty to enter upon the consideration of any proposal with this object, without being acquainted with the views of the Government on the subject, which they accordingly wish you to ascertain, and report for their information."

EXTRACT *from G. O., dated* 17*th June* 1881, *No.* 418 *R.*

---

* * * * *

"5. WITH reference to paragraph 26 of letter No. 674 from the Board of Directors, the Government have always been in favour of simplicity of classification, and would be glad to see more done in that direction. With regard to the proposed general reduction of goods rates, information is required to show whether the Railway obtains its full share of the traffic which already exists, and the probable effect of such reduction on the earnings of the line, the stimulation of production, and the improvement of trade. The Consulting Engineer will take up these points in communication with the Railway and Revenue Authorities, and the Chamber of Commerce; and report thereon for the consideration of Government."

(True Extracts.)

R. E. HAMILTON, Lieut., R.E.,
for *Offg. Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

No. 1512
309

Office of the Resident in Mysore

Bangalore 20th September 1881.

To,

The Dewan to His Highness
the Maharajah of Mysore

Sir,

I am desired by the Officiating Resident to draw your attention to my letter No. 706-144 dated 6th July last requesting the favor of being supplied with any information from the Trade Returns of Mysore which will throw light on the subjects mooted by the Govt. of Madras in connection with the proposed general reduction of goods rates on railways, and to request that Mr. Sandford may be favored with an early reply thereto, the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, having again written to this Office on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

W Cunningham

Apptt to the Resident.

OFFICE OF THE
RESIDENT
OF MYSORE.

From The Asstt to the ~~Resident~~
in Mysore

To The Dewan to H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore

Dated 20th September
Despatched 21st — do —
Received

Encls Nos — —

No. 1512
309

Requests early reply to this Office No. 706 - 144 dated 6th July 1867 asking for information from the Trade Returns of Mysore for the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

—

Submitted for
orders

No 1750
354.

Office of the Resident in Mysore.

Bangalore, 21st October 1881.

To

The Dewan to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

I am desired by the Officiating Resident to again invite attention to my letter No 706/144 dated 6th July 1881, and subsequent reminder No 1512/309 dated 20th Ultimo, requesting the favor of being supplied with any information from the Trade Returns of Mysore which will throw light on the subjects mooted by the Government of Madras in connection with the proposed general reduction of goods rates on railways, and to request an early reply thereto, the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, having again written to this Office on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

E Cunningham

Assistant to the Resident.

(General Serial No. 31.)

OFFICE OF THE
6161.
25 JUL
DEWAN OF MYSORE.

1881.

From The Sptt to the Resident in Mysore

To The Dewan to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Dated 21st October/81.

Despatched 22d

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1750

No. 354.

Relative to the proposed general reduction of goods rates on Railways.

25.10.81

Submitted

16/10

25/10

No. 87

Dewan's Office
Bangalore 4 January 188:

To
The Resident
in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your office letter no 706/144 dated the 6th July last forwarding a communication from the Consulting Engineer for Railways in Madras, I have the honor to state that there can be no question as to the desirableness of simplifying the existing Railway classification of goods which leads to needless complication and annoyance to merchants without any material addition to the Railway income. But I have no reason to think that any general reduction of

of the rates for goods would lead to an increase of the Railway traffic. The line from Bangalore to Madras is but a short one and it cannot be said generally that the Rate Railway fare is in the way of traffic. The fact is that the Districts bordering on the Railway are not rich in exportable articles. Their produce consists chiefly of the food grains which are likely locally consumed. More traffic may be carried down to Madras from the interior of the Province & from the adjoining Provinces of Coorg &c. in Coffee & arecanut & from Madras to the above places in salt, Metals &c and piece goods when the Railway is Extended

into the interior of the Province. It is the high cart hire beyond Bangalore and not the heaviness of the Railway fare which at present keeps back the extension of traffic. When the Railways are extended it may be considered whether any reduction of rates & further facilities are required to promote the traffic carried by them.

I may however mention that a great deal of traffic in building materials, viz, Stone & timber from Bangalore & lime ~~stone~~, brick & tiles from the Madras side of Bangalore may perhaps be carried if specially low rates could be offered to them.

I would look to the increase of Railway traffic more to these cheap articles of general consumption which can with advantage be exchanged between places in India than to the superior articles of Export which are limited in quantity.—

As no reliable returns of inland traffic are kept I am not in a position to supply any statistical information on the subject. Moreover such returns of the existing traffic cannot be of use to judge of what could be secured when Railway facilities are ~~[illegible]~~ rendered

I have &c

J Dean

No 87

To

The Resident

in Mysore

Dy 4 January 1882

Replying to letter regarding reduction of goods rates on Railways.